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Commissioners Glenn, Rich and Teitloff were sworn in on August 15.

## Dr. Rich reappointed to 9th term on commission; Glenn, Teitloff begin service

When Gov. Steven L. Beshear reappointed Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Fifth District Commission Member Dr. James R. Rich last month to his ninth consecutive term, it marked the first time anyone ever has been appointed to nine terms.

Dr. Rich has represented the sportsmen and sportswomen of the Fifth Fish and Wildlife District for 32 years. He was first appointed by Gov. Julian Carroll in 1976. Then-Clerk of the Court of Appeals Martha Layne Collins administered to him the oath of office. Eight years later, she became Gov. Collins and reappointed him to his third term.

He was appointed in 1980 by Gov. John Y. Brown, 1988 by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson, 1992 by Gov. Brereton Jones, 1996 and 2000 by Gov. Paul Patton, and 2004 by Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

Former Eighth District Commission Member the late Dr. Robert C. Webb served eight terms.

Dr. Rich's district includes Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Harrison, Henry, Kenton, Owen, Pendleton, Robertson and Trimble counties.

Gov. Beshear also named Stephen M. Glenn of Frankfort and Terry K. Teitloff of Smithland to their first four-year terms on the Commission.



Left to right: Commissioners Stephen Glenn of the Sixth District, Dr. James Rich of the Fifth District and Terry Teitloff of the First District.

Glenn, 54, is a construction superintendent with memberships in numerous wildlife organizations. He will represent the Sixth Wildlife District, which includes Anderson, Boyle, Casey, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Jessamine, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Powell, Rockcastle, Scott and Woodford counties. Glenn replaces R.G. Toler of Winchester, whose term expired.

Teitloff, 58, is a technical services manager with memberships in wildlife and civic organizations. He will represent the First Wildlife District, which includes Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle,

Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, McCracken, Marshall and Trigg counties. Teitloff replaces Charles W. Martin of Wickliffe, whose term expired.

Nominees are selected during public meetings held in each district. Names of up to five people may be submitted to the governor, who then makes the final selection.

Governor Beshear signed the executive order for the appointments July 29. They were administered the oath of office at last Friday's commission meeting. Each appointee will serve for terms expiring Aug. 13, 2012.

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## Fisheries' Ryan Kausing becomes U.S. citizen

**W**e would like to congratulate Seasonal Fisheries Technician, Ryan Kausing, on becoming a U.S. citizen on July 18, 2008 during a naturalization ceremony held at the Federal Building in downtown Frankfort.

Ryan came to America in December 2002 from Iloilo City, Philippines and over the past 5+ years fulfilled the requirements for becoming a U.S. citizen by completing applications, interviews, an oral test, a written test, and paying many fees.

During those five years, Ryan attended Kentucky State University and graduated with a degree in criminal justice. Ryan is interested in pursuing a career at Fish and Wildlife in either Law Enforcement or Fisheries.

Ryan is an exceptional young man that has exhibited an incredible work ethic in the Central Fisheries District. We're sure the department has gained an exceptional employee and America has gained a model citizen.



Ryan Kausing with his mother, proudly displaying his United States citizenship.

## Blue Grass Army Depot Commander recognized for partnership



Col. Richard Mason, Jr. and Brian Clark at the commander's farewell dinner. *John Stephens photo*

**T**he Department recently recognized Col. Richard J. Mason, Jr., outgoing commander, Blue Grass Army Depot, for his support of our partnership for hunting and wildlife management on the Depot's 14,500 acres near Richmond.

On behalf of KDFWR, Regional Wildlife Coordinator Brian Clark presented a plaque and Rick Hill print to Col. Mason at his June 26 farewell dinner at the Depot.

Col. Mason was instrumental in continuing our partnership to allow public hunting and in meeting other natural resource management objectives on the installation.

The Department looks forward to working with Col. Joseph A. Tirone, the new commander, in our conservation partnership on BGAD.



## “Kentucky Afield” fields two Emmy awards

The Ohio Valley Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences honored the “Kentucky Afield” TV show at the Cincinnati Westin Saturday, August 9 with two regional Emmy awards.

Stories focusing on the work of Kentucky Conservation Officers and Tim Farmer for the varied hats he wears as host and moderator of the program add two Emmys to the program’s mantel. In the crime program category, executive producer Scott Moore followed Lt. Stuart Bryant with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources’ Division of Law Enforcement while on patrol at Lake Cumberland Memorial Day weekend, the official opening of boating season. Boating under the influence and reckless operation is the leading cause of boating fatalities in Kentucky.

Farmer, who has hosted the show since 1995, never expected this distinction and this, his second, Emmy. In a composite assembled by program producers, it’s clear that the moderator of “Kentucky Afield” TV, or any current events production, requires being articulate in a variety of forums and broad ranging subject matter, such as the state’s fish, wildlife, game



“Kentucky Afield” TV  
Host Tim Farmer recently  
won his second Emmy.  
*Dave Baker photo.*

laws, and environmental issues.

The Ohio Valley Chapter presides over the 13 television markets in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and West Virginia including Louisville, Lexington and Cincinnati.

“Kentucky Afield” is a production of the Kentucky Department of Fish and

Wildlife Resources. It is the longest continuously-running outdoor television show in the nation. The program airs Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Eastern 7:30 p.m. Central and is repeated Sunday at 4 p.m. Eastern, 3 p.m. Central on KET 1. More information is available at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov).



Gary Bailey, in May. *Jay Webb photo*

## Camp Webb Superintendent Gary Bailey loses fight with cancer

Camp Robert C. Webb Superintendent Gary W. Bailey died at his home July 17 following a lengthy battle with melanoma. Gary was a career department employee who served as the Camp Webb superintendent for the past 14 years. Department employees will remember Gary for his ability to work minor miracles in order to improve the camp’s facilities.

Gary was a man of many talents:

Artist, mechanic, cook and camp financial manager. When he was just 18, Gary painted the Baptistery of Graefenburg Baptist Church, where he was a member. Gary lovingly restored a 1946 Chevrolet pickup truck that he had restored to showroom condition. That truck carried Gary to his final resting place at the Bethel Cemetery.

# New Employees and Promotions

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

**Brenna Boucher** joined the agency on July 16th as an Internal Policy Analyst I. She will be working with I&E and Law Enforcement grants.

Brenna received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky and has an extensive financial background. She came to us from the Department of Revenue where she worked with Corporate Withholding Taxes. Please join us in welcoming Brenna to her new position.

**Melissa Brewer** joined the agency on July 16th as an Internal Policy Analyst III. She is working with Capital Projects and Budgeting.

Melissa has an extensive financial background in Budgeting, Legislation, and Personnel.

She came to us from the Department for Community Based Services Administration and Financial Management Branch where she was a Budget Analyst. There she was responsible for Food Stamps, State Supplementation, and Medicaid budgets.

Melissa has over ten years of state experience and two years working for Eastern Kentucky University.

As for hobbies, she states "I like Baseball, Football, Fishing, and NASCAR. I have boys so sports is my thing... actually watched the preseason NFL game last night. I hope Favre does good as a Jet."

Please join us in welcoming Melissa to the department and her new position.

## FISHERIES

The Fisheries Division would like to congratulate **Jeff Crosby** on his recent promotion from a Fisheries Biologist III to a Fisheries Program Coordinator.

Jeff is now the lead fisheries biologist for the Central Fisheries District. The Central Fisheries District covers the 26 counties of central Kentucky including Louisville, Frankfort, and Lexington.

Jeff received his Bachelor of Science

degree in biology from the University of Kentucky in 1989 and a Master of Science degree from Eastern Kentucky University in 2000.

Jeff is a member of the American Fisheries Society and is a certified fisheries professional through the American Fisheries Society.

Jeff began his career with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in 1990 as a Fisheries Technician. In 1993, Jeff was promoted to a Fisheries Biologist in the Environmental Section. In 1994, Jeff was promoted to a Fisheries Biologist Senior within the Environmental Section.

Seeking further advancement, in 1995, Jeff transferred from the Environmental Section to the Central Fisheries District as a Fisheries Biologist Senior.

In 1998, Jeff was reallocated to a Fisheries Biologist III where for the last 10 years, he has done an exceptional job managing the lakes, rivers, and small impoundments of central Kentucky.

Jeff is an avid angler and hunter and enjoys spending much of his free time bass fishing and blue catfish fishing with his wife, Melissa, and their two children, Joshua and Matthew. Jeff also enjoys fishing a few small bass tournaments through his church affiliation.

Congratulations again to Jeff Crosby on his recent promotion.

The Fisheries Division would also like to congratulate **Mike Hardin** on his recent promotion from a Fisheries Program Coordinator to a Fish and Wildlife Program Manager.

Mike will now serve as the third Assistant Director under the Director of Fisheries. His primary role will oversee the Stream Restoration Program (Fees In-Lieu of) and the Environmental Section.

Mike received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Morehead State University in 1989 and a Master of Sci-

ence degree in 1992.

Mike began his career as a Fisheries Technician in 1985 at the Northeastern Fisheries District. In 1991, Mike served as a Water Testing Laboratory Biologist for Morehead State University. In 1992, Mike accepted a job as an Environmental Scientist at the Somerset Refinery, Inc.

Later in 1992, he moved to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet as an Environmental Biologist. During his career with the Transportation Cabinet, Mike served as an Environmental Biologist Senior, Environmental Biologist Principal, Wetland Coordinator, Ecology Section Manager, and Environmental Scientist III.

During his tenure with DOT, Mike developed an intimate understanding of the processes and expertise in stream and wetland restoration, as well as permitting associated with these processes. Mike returned to the Department in 2004 as a Fish and Wildlife Program Coordinator in the Environmental Section.

During Mike's limited free time, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Sunny, and their two children, Bridges and Emerson. He enjoys taking his children to Elkhorn Creek to fish for smallmouth bass and catch crayfish.

Anyone who knows Mike, understands his passion for musky fishing on Cave Run Lake. We are still waiting for a sample of his world famous musky fillets.

Congratulations to Mike on this newest journey in a great career.

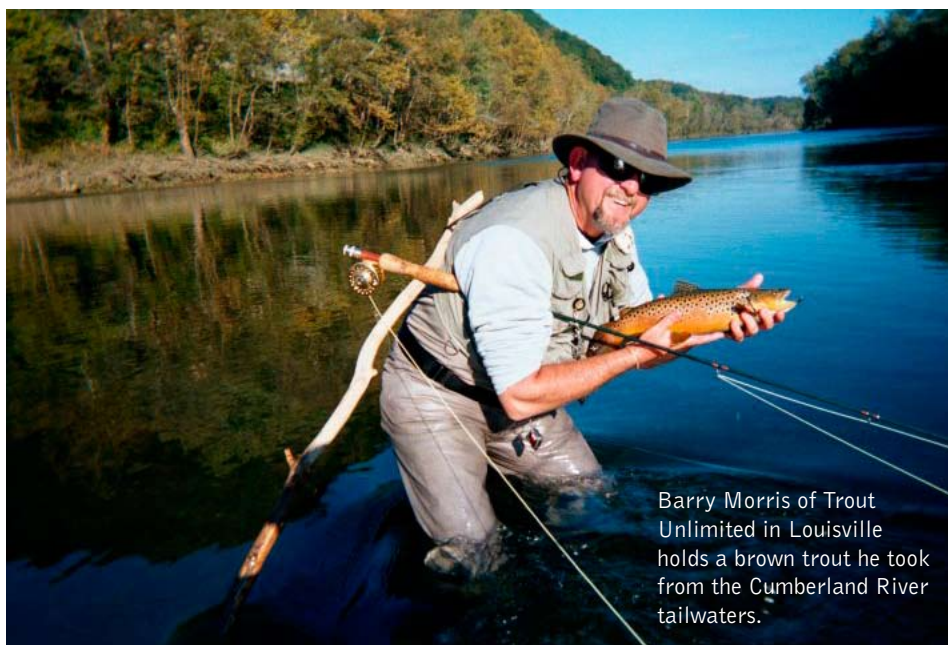
## INFORMATION and EDUCATION

Former Fisheries Technician **Rick Crider** joins the team at Camp Robert C. Webb as Camp Superintendent.

Having worked for KDFWR Eastern Fisheries District since 1986, Crider now replaces Gary Bailey who passed away recently after years of service to the camp.

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## Year Two update on the Lake Cumberland tailwater status



Barry Morris of Trout Unlimited in Louisville holds a brown trout he took from the Cumberland River tailwaters.

**R**epairs to the Wolf Creek Dam (forming Lake Cumberland) are now in the second year of a long term construction project.

As a result of the construction process, the water level at Lake Cumberland remains reduced and continues to be maintained from a summer elevation of 723 feet above sea level (fasl) to 680 fasl in order to reduce pressure on the dam and help facilitate the construction process.

Maintaining the lake elevation at 680 fasl drastically minimizes (especially during a dry year) the amount of water that may be released from Lake Cumberland into the Lake Cumberland tailwater. Cold water release through the dam is critical to maintain the state's premiere rainbow and brown trout fishery.

Similar to 2007, Fisheries Division personnel have been in regular communication with the Nashville District of the Army Corps of Engineers to alter release schedules to best conserve water yet maximize the cool water for the management of the trout fishery.

As a result of low rainfall, all releases

are currently occurring through the use of sluice gates. These gates are located near the bottom of Lake Cumberland where water is cold. However, it contains little dissolved oxygen.

As the water is released through the sluice gates, it combines with oxygen in the atmosphere to rapidly increase its dissolve oxygen content. Each sluice gate can release 1,500 cfs of water (roughly half that of a turbine release).

Late last summer, orifice gates were installed on two sluice gates to help reduce the amount of flow even further. An orifice gate is a steel structure which fits in the intake opening of the sluice gate to limit the flow down to 260 cfs, thus further conserving the amount of water released from Lake Cumberland during periods of little to no rainfall.

At present, despite being somewhat dry this summer, a large portion of the Lake Cumberland basin has experienced above average precipitation for the last several months. This has resulted in measurable inflow into Lake Cumberland, something that wasn't present at times last summer.

This has allowed the Corps of Engineers to release more water, compared to last year. In addition to the around-the-clock orifice gate releases, several weeks ago the Corps of Engineers allowed for one hour of sluice gate flow each at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

At the Department's request, to mitigate for a period of forecasted hot weather, they increased the amount of sluice gate flow up to two consecutive hours in the morning and two hours in the evening.

Currently, the Corps of Engineers is releasing four consecutive hours from a sluice gate in the morning and two hours in the evening, in addition to the around-the-clock orifice gate releases.

Unfortunately, this past winter was not quite as cold as last year. This resulted in the hypolimnion (the layer of water below the thermocline, which is released through the dam) being several degrees warmer. While the Corps of Engineers is releasing more water, compared to the previous year, water temperatures in the lower part of the tailwater are still reaching levels considered stressful to trout, above 68 degrees.

Encouraging is that once again low water levels provide an excellent opportunity for wade fishing anglers to get out and enjoy trout fishing. The trout fishery above Burkesville remains exceptional with many anglers reporting good catches.

Sampling data from last fall supports these reports as electrofishing catch rates for brown trout were the highest ever recorded and the rainbow trout catch rates were only slightly less than the record-breaking 2006 catch rate.

Boaters should use caution when navigating some of the shallow areas of the tailwater. Smaller boats or boats with jet-drive outboards are recommended and boaters should time their trips to take advantage of slightly higher river levels during maximum flows.





KDFWR drills were being run around the clock. Many landowners ran drills until midnight to get fields planted.



With nine drills on the move, repairs large and small were a constant part of the drill crew's daily task. Drill Tech Justin Howard is replacing a missing safety hook before delivery.

## Native warm season grass establishment at the landscape level

Large scale landscape level changes are occurring in south central Kentucky thanks to the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).

CREP is a voluntary program available through the federal farm bill which provides landowners incentives to convert crop and pasture to conservation cover for a 10-15 year contract period.

There has been a phenomenal increase in landowner participation due to an expansion in the number of eligible counties from eight to thirteen and the inclusion of buffers around eligible sinkholes. Nearly 85,000 acres were signed up during the last year.

If even a third of the 85,000 acres were going to be planted during the Spring of 2008, no one agency or private vendor could service the Native Warm Season Grass (NWSG) planting demand.

KDFWR Farm Bill Biologists and Private Lands Biologists worked diligently with the USDA offices to help landowners get ready for CREP and to assist in the planting of native grasses and forbs. KDFWR assisted with the planting of 5675.3



Drill technician Travis Keown delivering a drill.

CREP acres this past spring.

To put this in perspective, a Private Lands Biologist in an average year with two six foot drills would consider a 300 acre NWSG planting season good and 500 acres outstanding.

In order to meet the public's demand for KDFWR drills, CREP truly became a statewide endeavor. The call went out for the loan of other Wildlife Division regional drills and the Bowling Green office received seven additional drills from

Frankfort, Madisonville, Elizabethtown, Robertson Forest, Peabody, and Barren River WMAs.

Drills were traded back and forth so service could be provided to landowners throughout the CREP region. In order to keep the drills moving and operational, the Private Lands Biologists, Farm Bill Biologists and Seasonal Drill technicians worked non-stop during the two and half

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## Pulling for us!

**I**t's always good to know you have advocates.

KDFWR staff and volunteers worked several hours in the summer heat recently to uproot and remove teasel plants from a prairie demo plot in the front of Headquarters, along US 60.

Many thanks go out to Mary Carol Cooper, Chris Hunter, Brent McCarty, Bucky Fields, Peg Gates, along with Clinton Hill and other Salato volunteers; JoAnn Mattox from the grounds crew; Naomi Wilson, Jim Barnard, Elijah Thompson, Dave Frederick, and Brian Clark from Wildlife.

Part of the demonstration value of our Headquarters habitat plots is control of exotic pest plants, which is a problem for virtually every landowner. Pulling the teasel was the best way in this case to eliminate the infestation without destroy-



JoAnn Mattox attacks invasive teasel plants at Headquarters.  
*Brian Clark photo*

ing the native forbs we've been working to establish.

Teasel is a Eurasian weed that you

may have seen in dried floral arrangements. Unfortunately, it often invades roadsides, crop fields, and habitat plantings.

### "Employees," continued

Crider brings to Camp Webb extensive experience in welding, small engine and boat motor repair, electrical and plumbing work, as well as finish carpentry. He assumed his new duties in the midst of a very busy and successful camping season, and has already proven to be an exceptional employee.

Welcome aboard and congratulations, Rick!

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

Law Enforcement Division welcomes **Ray Nelson** to our Headquarters Dispatch force. Ray spent the last two years with the Department of Aviation, as part of the inspection team. His job included striping and lining of general aviation airports.

Ray served 6 years in the US Marine Corps and 16 years as a UH Blackhawk crew chief/mechanic for the US Army. He has had 3 deployments to Iraq, 1 as

military personnel and 2 as an aviation mechanic contractor. He spent the next 11 years as a contractor working for the Army servicing helicopters.

Ray enjoys sports competition shooting sponsored by the NRA. His wife is a nurse at the Frankfort Regional Hospital and he has two sons, one of which is presently in the Air Force stationed in Dubai.

### WILDLIFE

We would like to announce that **Jared Handley** has accepted a position as the Farm Bill Biologist located in Madisonville. He will be working with Eric Copas and will be helping out with all Farm Bill programs in the western third of the state.

Jared has both a M.S. and a B.S. from Murray State University and he has worked as a research assistant at Ballard County WMA and as an aid at Clarks River NWR. Most recently he has been working as a Wildlife Technician at Peabody WMA.

Although Jared is not new to the Agency, please join us in welcoming him into his new position.

The Wildlife Division welcomes **Kory Knight** as the new WMA Foreman based at Lloyd WMA in northern Kentucky.

Kory filled the vacancy left by Paul Rose, recently retired. Kory will also be responsible for the Mullins and Adair WMAs.

Kory came to the Bluegrass Region from the Wildlife Diversity Program, where he was working as a Fish & Wildlife Technician and the Landowner Incentives Program crew leader.

Kory previously worked with the USFWS in Montana as a team leader working on exotic and invasive plants on national wildlife refuges, and in other agricultural and natural resource-related positions.

Kory is an avid waterfowl and turkey hunter. We welcome Kory's enthusiasm & work ethic to the Bluegrass Region.



## "Grass," continued

month planting season.

In addition to the KDFWR drills, many private vendors and District Soil offices came on board to plant NWSG's. Vendors new to NWSG planting asked for KDFWR's help.

Wildlife staff introduced vendors to the technical aspects of NWSG planting during county meetings held this past winter and early spring. One major hurdle was calibration, as each drill type has a different means of calibration.

A generic calibration method that would work on any private vendor's drill was developed. Rachel Bush (Farm Bill Biologist) compiled and corrected formulas submitted by staff and created a concise and easy to use work sheet for drill calibration. This was an immense help for many of the vendors and individuals utilizing Soil District drills.

The Bowling Green KDFWR office received several phone calls from vendors stating their gratitude for KDFWR staff's help. A modest estimate of land impacted from KDFWR calibration services provided to Logan, Warren and Metcalfe counties is 5,000 acres.

We expect the same number of acres next year in the 2009 planting season and look forward to the positive landscape impact this will afford Kentucky.

## 5th District Federation Fair



**Above:** Fifth District Commission Member Dr. Jim Rich spoke with Lt. Bobby Newman early this month as Major David Casey and Officer Charles Phillips looked on during the Fifth District's annual Federation Fair at the Lloyd Wildlife Management Area. **Left:** Officer Jeremiah Denny judged casts by one of the youth competitors in the casting contest.